

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 3 and 5-7 have been amended as follows:

3. ~~The~~(Amended) An inkjet recording medium as defined in Claim 2, wherein the recording medium is formed by providing an ink absorption layer on a sheet-like substrate surface which has poor ink absorption properties, and the additive according to Claim 1 is contained in said ink absorption layer.

5. (Amended) The inkjet recording medium as defined in Claim 4, wherein ordinary paper or coated paper is impregnated by a solution containing ~~the~~an additive according to Claim ~~1~~ having a cationic resin as principal component, this resin being obtained by the reaction of at least a secondary amine, ammonia, an epihalohydrin and a crosslinking agent.

6. (Amended) The inkjet recording medium as defined in Claim 4, wherein the ordinary paper or coated paper substrate is manufactured from a pulp slurry containing ~~the~~an additive according to Claim ~~1~~ having a cationic resin as principal component, this resin being obtained by the reaction of at least a secondary amine, ammonia, an epihalohydrin and a crosslinking agent.

7. (Amended) The inkjet recording medium as defined in Claim 5, wherein the ordinary paper or coated paper substrate contains ~~the~~an additive according to Claim ~~1~~ having a cationic resin as principal component, this resin being obtained by the reaction of at least a secondary amine, ammonia, an epihalohydrin and a crosslinking agent.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Respectfully submitted,

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